Recovery Month Awards

As with most events in 2020—we celebrated on Zoom this year. While there was no recovery month banquet, we presented our annual awards. TAADAS was able to send the awards in advance to someone close to each award recipient and make the award presentations in person. Commissioner Williams of TDMHSAS addressed the group on our Zoom awards and gave her congratulations to each winner.

Mike Coupe of Place of Hope in Columbia, TN (above pictured with his wife) was awarded CEO of the Year. Mike has been CEO of the program, a residential & halfway house, alcohol and drug treatment facility for 20 years. No one has ever received a bill for services.

Paula Hopper, CEO of Serenity Recovery in Memphis (above), received the inaugural Boomer Brown Advocacy Award. Paula is Chair of the TAADAS Legislative Committee and she Chairs the Shelby County Consortium.

Jacques Tate, CEO of Harbor House, (pictured immediately right with Jon Jackson ) was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Jacques began working at Harbor House in 1991 as a Tech. Jacques is a Past President of TAADAS and of the LADAC Board.
**Recovery Month Award Photos**

TAADAS ‘Voice of Recovery Award’ was presented to **Sen. Lamar Alexander**. Senator Alexander has served as a TN Senator since 2003 and previously served as US Secretary of Education from 1991—1993. During his tenure, Sen. Alexander chaired the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee where he worked on issues surrounding the addiction epidemic and confidentiality regulations. TAADAS has contacted Sen. Alexander many times concerning health care regulations and legislation. Recently TAADAS also provided information on various pieces of legislation in response to COVID-19 as well as for provider relief. Sen. Alexander advocated for the originating site rule, allowing physicians to be reimbursed for telehealth appointments wherever a patient is located, including a patient’s home; and the expansion of Medicare -and Medicaid-reimbursable telehealth services.

Pictured Right:
Jacque Tate, recipient of the Sharon Trammell Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award surrounded by Harbor House staff.

Below:
Zoom Awards!

Pictured Right:
Paula Hopper, winner of the first Boomer Brown Advocacy Award sits at her own honoree table set up by the Serenity Recovery staff and her family in her honor.
Phase 3 Provider Relief

On October 1st, under the leadership of President Trump, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is announcing $20 billion in new funding for providers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic. Under this Phase 3 General Distribution allocation, providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments will be invited to apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. Previously ineligible providers, such as those who began practicing in 2020 will also be invited to apply, and an expanded group of behavioral health providers confronting the emergence of increased mental health and substance use issues exacerbated by the pandemic will also be eligible for relief payments.

Providers can begin applying for funds on Monday, October 5, 2020. The deadline to apply is Friday, November 6.

In the Administration’s announcement, HHS Secretary Alex Azar emphasized how behavioral health providers have shouldered the burden of responding and confronting expanded challenges triggered by COVID-19. This new funding is a hard-fought and welcomed victory for mental health and addiction recovery organizations, and you all played a key role in arming us with data, stories and evidence to show the critical need for additional support from HHS.

Who’s Eligible for the New Funding:
• Organizations who previously received, rejected or accepted a General Distribution Provider Relief Fund payment. Organizations that have already received payments of approximately 2% of annual revenue from patient care may submit more information to become eligible for an additional payment. HHS will make up the difference if organizations have yet to receive this amount in previous distributions.
• Previously ineligible organizations, such as those who began practicing in 2020 will also be invited to apply, and an expanded group of behavioral health organizations confronting the emergence of increased mental health and substance use disorders exacerbated by the pandemic will also be eligible for relief payments.

With the remaining balance of the $20 billion budget, HRSA will then calculate an equitable add-on payment that considers the following:
• A provider’s change in operating revenues from patient care
• A provider’s change in operating expenses from patient care, including expenses incurred related to coronavirus
• Payments already received through prior Provider Relief Fund distributions.

We believe this portal will operate on a first come, first served basis, so we strongly recommend that you encourage providers to apply early.

TAADAS is gathering more information to share as soon as possible regarding the application process. Once we have those details, we will send you further information along with an updated step-by-step infographic to guide providers through the process.
**Extraordinary Session Update**

For the second time during the 111th General Assembly, Governor Bill Lee called the General Assembly to meet in an Extraordinary Session. The General Assembly convened in the afternoon of Monday, August 10 and completed their business around 7pm on Wednesday, August 12. Five new statutes were enacted into law, two of which were largely expected, and two of which were a response to social unrest flowing from 2020 being the year of Pandemic, George Floyd, and Economic Decline.

First is Chapter 1 of the Second Extraordinary Session of the 111th General Assembly by the two majority leaders, Senator Jack Johnson and Representative William Lamberth. This statute which Governor Bill Lee signed into law on Monday, August 17, is a significant change in the tort law for cases involving COVID-19. It affects litigation related to COVID-19 injuries filed after August 3, 2020, the date of the call for the Extraordinary Session. The statute offers protections from civil litigation for businesses, schools, health care facilities and nonprofit entities.

Second is Chapter 4 of the Second Extraordinary Session of the 111th General Assembly by Jack Johnson and William Lamberth dealing with insurance coverage and payment for telehealth and telemedicine services. The statute includes a coverage mandate for health insurance carriers for telemedicine services and a payment parity mandate effective through April 1, 2022. For a telemedicine encounter to be eligible for coverage, the patient must have had an in person encounter with the provider within the past 16 months. The statute passed as introduced except for one amendment that expanded the scope of the new law to include alcohol and drug abuse counselors.

Two other new statutes deal with emergency services and criminal penalties both during times of civil unrest. Chapter 3 of the Second Extraordinary Session of the 111th General Assembly by Jack Johnson and William Lamberth increases criminal penalties for activities involving protestors and seemed to be driven largely by a group of protestors who set up shop right across the street from the State Capitol and who were often loud and confrontational to lawmakers. Chapter 2 of the Second Extraordinary Session of the 111th General Assembly by Senator Joey Hensley and Representative Brandon Ogles prohibits a local government from restricting public safety personnel from accessing a bounded protest area. The sponsors could not name any city in Tennessee where this behavior had been a problem, but did cite cities in other states, most notably Portland, Oregon. Chapter 5 of the Second Extraordinary Session of the 111th General Assembly by Jack Johnson and William Lamberth is the appropriations act which provides funding just a few dollars north of $1.1 million for all the new statutes that required state expenditures.

This legislative activity concludes the 111th General Assembly’s work for this year. Those members seeking reelection will now turn to campaign season for the November 3 General Election.
Calendar Notes.

August 18, 2020 was the 100th anniversary of Tennessee’s ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution for the adoption of women’s suffrage for the entire country in all elections. From all the reading and events surrounding the anniversary, the successful vote in Tennessee seems even more remarkable. The railroad and alcohol interests did not lose very often.

Speaking of voting, The November general election is Tuesday, November 3, and early voting starts Wednesday, October 14. All 99 House seats will be up, and the 16 even numbered senate seats will be up. Tennessee also has two open federal offices, one is the First Congressional District in upper East Tennessee where incumbent Phil Roe is not seeking reelection, and the Senate seat where incumbent Lamar Alexander is not seeking reelection. If so inclined, the deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 27, but local election officials are strongly encouraging us to avoid the last minute to make a request and return your ballot before Election Day.

Be sure to vote! No one wants to be within the margin of regret after Election Day.

State and TAADAS staffers will be off on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 for the Veterans Day holiday, and Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday and Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

The 112th General Assembly will convene in Organizational Session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Nathan Ridley serves as Legislative Counsel for TAADAS and is an attorney with the Nashville firm, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. You may contact him by e-mail at nridley@bradley.com.

Board of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors

Upcoming Meetings:

October 9, 2020

665 Mainstream Drive, Poplar Room
MetroCenter, Nashville, TN
The Journey Together Conference, presented by MTAADAC, was held in person during September—and attracted 120 participants. From around the state TAADAS members and staff attended—including Recovery Books and Things staff.

The Conference Committee (pictured left) worked hard to make social distancing work and present relevant material.

Congratulations!

Journey Together 2020

Stan Bungarner, Storytelling for Those On the Path to Spiritual Awakening

Kathy Benson
Trauma Informed Care is More than a Buzzword

Joanne Cherpack
Boomer Brown
Karen Dennis
Amber Stevenson
Toby Abrams

Journey Together Photos
Statewide and Regional Suicide Prevention Awareness Month events were held throughout September. Our statewide event, Vision of Hope 2020, was a huge success on September 9, drawing in more than 250 viewers. Our regional events throughout the state also had outstanding turnout; we saw SPA Month engagement in all 9 regions of our state. We owe a huge thank you to our sponsors, advocates, and volunteers for making our events this year as special as ever during COVID-19.

You can visit the homepage at tspn.org to view the recording of our statewide event and other regional events!

**New TAADAS Staff**

**Jennifer Jones, LMSW, CPRS, ALWF**

Jennifer is the new Project Coordinator for TAADAS. Jennifer will be setting up TAADAS meetings and coordinating calendars for administrative staff and events among other duties – so she will be a main point of contact if you need to reach anyone or need any other assistance. Jennifer can be reached at Jennifer@taadas.org and at 615-780-5901.

Jennifer not only has she been an active advocate for other peers during her 30 years in mental health, but she has experience in diverse populations to include homeless veterans and HIV/AIDS positive individuals. As an active volunteer Jennifer represents consumers on many state and local boards and committees.

During her recovery journey Jennifer has worked for the last 11 years as a Tennessee Certified Peer Recovery Specialist and is an Advanced Level WRAP® Facilitator. She has also been recognized by her fellow peers as a recipient of the 2013 CPRS Community Service Award, 2014 CPRS Advocate of Peer Recovery Services Award, 2015 the Patsy Cronk Mentor of the Year Award and Supervisor of the Year for TMHCA. Jennifer earned her master’s degree from the University of Tennessee and is a Licensed Master Social Worker. She is also a proud mother of her two fur babies Roxy and Boots.

Venetia VanWhy will continue to be the Membership Coordinator and she will continue to coordinate membership hotel reservations and payments.

**Karen Prosser**

Karen joined TAADAS in July 2020, bringing 10 years in bookkeeping and customer service experience with her. She came to Tennessee from the Gulfport/Biloxi MS area and has lived in Donelson for the past 15 years. Karen will be working in accounts payable.
Maria Smith Wins TSPN Mid-Cumberland Regional Award

TAADAS’s very own Training Director Maria Smith won the 2020 TSPN Mid-Cumberland Regional Award for her suicide prevention advocacy. Maria has attended every TSPN regional meeting in the past 8 years. Her dedication to providing trainings and educational information to the community is unprecedented. She volunteers to work on regional committee events, gives of her knowledge and donates of her time whenever needed. Maria is a great mentor to new attendees and a valuable partner to the TSPN Family.

Maria makes sure TAADAS staff are all engaged in suicide prevention activities and gets us our T-Shirts every year. TAADAS and TSPN appreciate all she does for her community!

Thank you, Maria!

Maria Smith Wins NAMI-TN Award

Maria Smith also won the 2020 NAMI Annual Awards Friend of NAMI (FON). Maria was given a Recipient Letter and the award was announced on the Statewide NAMI conference in September. The NAMI conference was virtual so Maria will get her award in person soon. TAADAS celebrated with her (see picture below) as we all readied for the Recovery Month Awards. Pictured below from left to right: Maria Smith, Training Director; Mary Linden Salter, Executive Director; Jennifer Jones, Project Coordinator; Megan Lescroart, Administrative Asst. and Laura Durham, Deputy Director.

Megan Leaves

Megan Lescroart, pictured in black to the left, will be leaving TAADAS as her time as a University of TN School of Social Work Master’s program Intern and time on staff as an Administrative Assistant is coming to an end. Megan will be leaving us mid-October and we will miss her! She’s kept us all on track—especially Mary Linden. She’s been a great addition to our team and we are grateful we got to know her.

Thanks Megan!
TAADAS typically meets in Suite 130 at 1321 Murfreesboro Pike at 10 am on the second Thursday of each month and will meet this quarter on:

October 8
November 12
December 10

For information please contact:
Mary Linden Salter, Executive Director
615-780-5901, x-118
marylinden@taadas.org

TAADAS Training Calendar

ASI online Training and Learning Lab Virtual Meetings
September 28, 2020-November 23, 2020
Thomas Coyne, Ed.D., LCSW
9:00 AM

Case Management Training
October 1, 2020
James Campbell, LPC, LAC, MAC, CACII
9:00 AM-12:00 PM CDT

Language of Addiction
October 9, 2020
April Mallory, LCSW and Jami Hargrove, LMSW
9:00 AM-12:00 PM CDT

Community Leadership Training
October 20-21, 2020
Michael King and Laszlo Jaress
8:00 AM-11:15 AM CDT

Sexual Assault Training
October 28-29, 2020
Alicia Hirt, LCSW and Marissa Micotto,
9:00 AM-1:00 PM CDT

ASAM online Training and Learning Lab Virtual Meetings
November 2, 2020-December 14, 2020
Thomas Coyne, Ed.D., LCSW
9:00 AM

Ethics for Alcohol and Drug Counselors
November 6, 2020
Nita Mehr, Ph.D., LCSW and Barry Cooper, MS
9:00 AM-12:00 PM CST

Stigma Free Tennessee
November 12, 2020
Lisa Black, M.Ed., NCAC II
9:00 AM-12:00 PM CST

Language of Addiction
November 19, 2020
April Mallory, LCSW and Jami Hargrove, LMSW
1:00 PM-4:00 PM CST
Internationally-recognized IC&RC credentials that set the industry standard:

Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC)
Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC)

The Tennessee Certification Board will be offering these two new credentials, with a limited, six-month grandparenting window to apply and complete the certification process. Applications open by November 1.

For more information, please visit www.tncertification.org
**ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020**

**MONDAY**
1. Start your day with the most important thing on your list.
2. Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation.

**TUESDAY**
1. Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama
2. Remember that things can change for the better.

**WEDNESDAY**
1. Write down your most important goals for this month.
2. Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding.

**THURSDAY**
1. Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times.
2. Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward.

**FRIDAY**
1. Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you.
2. Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society.

**SATURDAY**
1. Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what’s good.
2. Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week.

**SUNDAY**
1. Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous.
2. Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead.

Learn more about this month’s theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october)

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**STREAMING ON THE RELIX YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

**SMITH & MYERS**

**JASON ISBELL / KIIARA**

**AMERICAN AUTHORS**

**JADE BIRD / YOLA**

**SHAMIR / SON LITTLE**

Speakers from: Mental Health America, National Alliance on Mental Illness of New York City, Musicares

Hosted by: Jordan Carlos
COVID-19 Emotional Support Line
For healthcare workers & first responders

1-888-MHART TN
(1-888-642-7886)

Hours: Daily from 6am - 10pm CDT
www.mharttn.org

The Emotional Support Line provides immediate emotional support for front line healthcare workers and first responders facing the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. The Emotional Support Line is not mental health care or treatment of any type regardless of what is discussed or who provides support. It is for emotional support purposes only and provided by volunteers. Use of the Emotional Support Line does not create any confidential provider-therapist relationship of any type. The Emotional Support Line not substitute for professional health care.
Help us to bring recovery support services to more Tennesseans

Designate TAADAS as the recipient for your Kroger Plus and Amazon Smiles rewards purchases. It’s easy to do and helps us to do more for the recovery community in Tennessee!

Amazon Smiles is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Sign in to www.smile.amazon.com on your desktop or scan the Amazon QR code below with your phone
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity.
3. Or, from your mobile browser, select change your charity from the options at the bottom of the page. Select a TAADAS as your new charitable organization to support.

Scan Here for Amazon

Kroger Community Rewards: How to Register

Use your existing Kroger Plus Card or get a new one from the customer service desk.

Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com (scan the QR code below if you have a smartphone)

Sign up for an online account using the “new customer” box unless you already have an online account.

Once signed up retrieve the confirmation email and confirm your new account.

Now visit your new account and click on edit Kroger Community Rewards - input your Kroger plus Card Number.

Now enter the NPO 32194 and click confirm.

Your recipient organization’s name should now appear on the right side of the information page.

If you use your phone number at the register Call 1.800.676.4377 and select option 4 to get your Card Number.

You must swipe your card or use your phone number to get credit for any one purchase.

Scan Here for Kroger

Two Great Programs One Awesome Cause!
TAADAS provides a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week, statewide addictions treatment referral hotline called the **TN REDLINE**. A new process for caller ‘warm handoffs’ was implemented that we hope will identify callers who are most at risk and help them make a stronger connection with a provider. Callers who are indigent and who are using opiates and alcohol, in particular, will be offered more than just a list of providers to contact, they can be connected directly on the phone to one of the state contracted providers that meets their needs. This ‘warm handoff’ to a provider is intended to help the caller connect and engage with a provider, understand the referral and admission process for that agency and follow up to access services. Callers who are most at risk, those who are pregnant, injecting drugs intravenously, have a history of overdose or who are abusing alcohol will be encouraged to accept a call transfer to a provider. TAADAS has hired several new staff that are Peer Recovery Specialists who can help offer the hope and encouragement that may be needed for callers to accept a transfer.

TDMHSAS has implemented updates to their website and a page for the TN Together initiative that highlights access to care as well as other executive actions to attack the state’s opioid epidemic. Please visit: [https://www.tn.gov/opioids/treatment.html](https://www.tn.gov/opioids/treatment.html)

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**Finding resources for children in Tennessee has never been easier.**

With the Kid Central app, you’ll get mobile access to state services, receive useful notifications and have important contact info on the go.

Visit [http://kidcentraltn.com/](http://kidcentraltn.com/) for more information and to download the app for android or iphone.
The Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities, Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, offers services for problem gamblers and their loved ones. If you or someone you know is concerned about gambling, please contact the following agency:

The Gambling Clinic at the University of Memphis 901-678-STOP (7867) www.thegamblingclinic.memphis.edu E-mail: gambling@memphis.edu
We thank the following members for their support and involvement in our organization!

Organizational and Affiliate Members

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The Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS) began March 26, 1976 when a group of concerned Tennesseans joined together in Chattanooga for the purpose of “creating and fostering a statewide association to promote common interest in prevention, control, and eradication of alcoholism and other drug dependency.” The TAADAS mission is to educate the public and influence state/national policy decisions in order to improve services to those who are affected by alcoholism, drug dependency and other addictions. TAADAS programs are funded in part by grants from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services. As a statewide association made up of prevention programs, treatment agencies, recovery services and private citizens, TAADAS strives to be the Voice for Recovery in Tennessee through its membership and many programs.

Alcohol and other drug dependence is a primary, chronic, progressive and potentially fatal disease. Its effects are systemic, predictable and unique. Without intervention and treatment, the disease runs an inexorable course marked by progressive crippling of mental, physical, and spiritual functioning with a devastating impact on all sectors of life — social, physiological, family, financial, vocational, educational, moral/spiritual, and legal. TAADAS is committed to helping the public understand that addiction is a treatable illness and that millions of people achieve recovery.

**TAADAS’s purpose is to:**
- promote common interest in the prevention, control and eradication of alcoholism, drug dependency and other addictions;
- work with and facilitate cooperation with all agencies interested in the health and welfare of the community;
- impact legislation regarding alcohol and drug abuse and other addictions;
- educate the community regarding alcohol and drug abuse and other addiction issues;
- encourage and support the development of alcohol and drug abuse and other addiction services in areas that are underserved;
- enhance the quality of services provided by Association members;
- serve as a resource for Association members; and
- further fellowship among those members.

**TAADAS Membership**
Through its association membership and by networking with public policy makers, TAADAS keeps alcoholism, drug abuse and other addiction issues in the forefront when public policy decisions are made and through the collective voice of its members. TAADAS directly impacts the important issues facing the addiction services field today. Membership benefits include:

- Expand knowledge – TAADAS has a statewide Clearinghouse of extensive resources and statewide training opportunities
- Impact public policy
- Networking opportunities that promote advocacy and best practices. TAADAS committees address data and outcomes measurement, legislative advocacy and consumer support
- Published in the TAADAS Times Newsletter
- Discounts at Recovery Books & Things
- Discounted hotel rates
- Credit union membership
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN TAADAS

Membership shall be open to individuals or entities with an interest in addiction, co-occurring, prevention, or recovery support services and subject to payment of membership dues. **Organizational Member** - Any non profit or governmental organization or entity that is state contracted to provide addiction, co-occurring, prevention or recovery support services is eligible to become an Organizational Member of TAADAS.

**Affiliate Member**—Any organization or business that is affiliated with or wishes to support the efforts of the A&D provider and recovery community.

**Individual Member** - Individual membership is open to any individual with an interest in addiction, co-occurring or recovery support services in Tennessee.

**Student or Retiree Member**—Individual membership open to anyone with an interest in addiction, co-occurring or recovery support services in Tennessee who is retired, unemployed or enrolled in a higher education program or is working towards a LADAC.

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*Electronic Payments rate; Minimum suggested leadership pledge ... you may pledge more*

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Date: ____________  Referring Member: (If Applicable) _______________________________

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Agency: ___________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: _______  Zip Code: _________________

Phone: __________________________  Toll Free: ____________________________

Fax: ___________________________  Email: ________________________________

Non-Profit: Yes  No  Government contracted: Yes  No

Agency Website: __________________________________________________________

Agency Representative: __________________________________________________

Representative Email: ____________________________________________________

Please send your completed application to TAADAS at 615-780-5905 (fax) or taadas@taadas.org

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This project is funded by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Diaper Duty

TAADAS staff volunteered during August to repackage diapers for disadvantaged moms at a local non-profit, the Nashville Diaper Connection. The agency provides diapers to more than 2,750 babies in need in Davidson County every month. In one afternoon, the staff repackaged 8625 diapers for distribution to families in Davidson County.

Jackie and Jazz move the diapers in position (pictured above.) The TAADAS crew worked to repackage the diapers into useful bundles and then box them for distribution. (see picture right). It was hot work in the warehouse so afterwards we all got ice cream!